

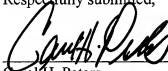
REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants have elected herein without traverse Group I claims, including Claims 1-50, 81, and 82, and have cancelled herein without prejudice Group II claims, including Claims 51-80, 83, and 84. Applicants reserve the right to seek claims directed to the subject matter of cancelled Claims 51-80, 83, and 84 in one or more continuation and/or divisional applications.

Applicants have also amended by preliminary amendment the elected Claims, including amendments to Claims 1-5, 8, 10-11, 13, 15-17, 21-22, 26-30, 33, 35-36, 38-42, and 46-47; cancellation of Claims 6-7, 9, 12, 18-20, 23-25, 31-32, 34, 37, 43-45, 48-50, and 81-82; and addition of new Claims 85-90. Claims 1 and 26 are in independent form. The claim amendments have antecedent basis and do not add subject matter to the instant application.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response to restriction requirement or the preliminary amendment, Applicants invite the Examiner to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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